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RE: Proposed Exploratory Drilling by Kore Mining in the Long Valley

I am writing to express my complete opposition to allowing the Kore Mining company to do any exploratory drilling in the Long Valley, due ultimately to my complete opposition to mining being allowed there. As an extension of my opposition to the mining, any such exploration would be pointlessly destructive.

Right about the time the buffalo were being hunted almost to extinction, the 1872 mining law that allows this was composed. It appears in that century people were beginning to believe that our land was limitless and indestructible. I hope to believe that we now know that is blatantly not true... but it is proposals like this that shatter that belief.

Have we not learned that our wild spaces, the spaces that we enjoy and are home to so many animal species, and which are also the source of our diminishing water supplies, are fragile and often irreparable? Look what happened in Lundy Canyon to the water where mining was allowed to have its way. You cannot fish some of those lakes more than 100 years later due to the toxins in the fish. In addition, are proponents of this mining not paying attention to the fact that there is global warming and water resources in California are threatened? I see many reasons to deny this project, and these are just a couple of them.

This proposed mining makes absolutely no sense to me and appears to be driven by a greed that mankind can no longer afford.

Thank you,
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